



Bloomington Announces 2014 Food Safety Award Winners

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Bloomington, MN— The 2014 Food Safety Awards were presented at the 19th Annual Diamond Service Awards Gala held at the Bloomington DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on February 22. Nearly 1,000 service workers, their families and community members attended the gala sponsored by the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau. Bloomington Mayor Gene Winstead presented the awards.

A total of 18 nominations were submitted for the 2014 Food Safety Awards. Nominees were selected by the City's environmental health inspectors based on the results of 2014 health inspections. Volunteers from the City's Food Collaborative, made up of food industry professionals, interviewed and rated nominees on food safety practices. The City's Advisory Board of Health reviewed the scored results and selected the Overall Food Safety Award.

"I love this program because it's Bloomington's food service professionals interviewing and choosing the best of the best in food safety," Mayor Winstead said.

This year's categories and winners included:

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| • Retail Grocery: | Cub Foods on France Avenue |
| • Limited Service and Pizza Carryout: | Domino's on Bloomington Ferry Road |
| • Fast Food/Cafeteria Service: | Wendy's on West 80th Street |
| • Large Restaurant: | American Girl at Mall of America |

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- Full Service Hotel: Radisson Blu at Mall of America

The Overall Food Safety Award went to Radisson Blu at Mall of America.

“This is one of the most meaningful awards I have ever been a part of receiving,” Radisson Blu Executive Chef Paul Lynch said.

The Diamond Service Awards was introduced in 1997 to recognize outstanding service in hotel, restaurant and retail businesses. The event is considered the hospitality industry’s “Academy Awards.” Housekeeping, front desk personnel, wait staff, dishwashers, retail staff and others are nominated by their managers. In an effort to recognize the importance of food safety, in 2001, the City of Bloomington and the Advisory Board of Health joined with the Diamond Service Awards to sponsor a Food Safety Award. Receiving a Food Safety Award is both a source of pride and a symbol of dedication to food safety.

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